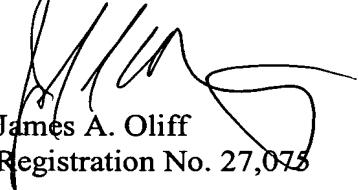


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 6 - 10 and 12 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform the claims to U.S. practice. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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